(c) and (d) According to the information furnished by the Ministry of Surface Transport, the 'Pathkar' has since been abolished in all the States with effect from 1-9-1993.

Changes in the Company Deposit Rules

992. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Law Commission has mooted certain changes and modifications in the Company Deposit Rules, with a view to securing statutory protection of small depositors; and

(b) if so, what is Government's response and reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) The Law Commission has made, inter-alia, the following recommendations:—

(i) providing definition of Small depositors who have deposits upto Rs. 11,000;

(ii) the default in repayment of the matured deposits may be intimated by the Company to the Company Law Board;

(iii) prohibition from raising further deposits by the Companies which have defaulted in repayment of the deposits and interest thereon;

(iv) the defaulting companies should report the fact of default in future advertisements inviting deposits from public; and

(v) The companies may be allowed to utilise the funds obtained by way of loans for repayment to small depositors.

The Companies Bill, 1993 introduced in the Rajya Sabha on 14-5-1993 already provide that the company which has failed to repay any deposit or interest due thereon shall be prohibited from raising further deposits and from making inter-corporate loans/investments, until the default is made good. Compulsory credit rating is also proposed to be introduced in case of companies intending to raise deposits, through advertisements.

Discussion on Companies Bill, 1993 with SEBI

993. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to hold discussions with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to remove over-lappings in various provisions of the Companies Bill, 1993 and the SEBI guidelines relating to the Capital Market;

(b) if so, whether Government officials and SEBI have met recently to streamline the provisions to avoid contradicting each other; and

(c) if so, what are the details of the meeting and the final decision, if any, taken with regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (c) The Department of Company Affairs has consulted SEBI on some of the provisions in the Companies Bill, 1993. The inter-action with SEBI is an on-going process and the views expressed by SEBI have been duly taken note of by the Department.

Categorisation of Companies Bill

994. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any suggestion from Chambers of Commerce and Industry functioning in different States regarding categorisation of existing Companies Bill;

(b) if so, what are the details of the suggestions made by the States Chambers of Commerce and Industry; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The suggestion made is to classify separately private and public companies as also quoted and unquoted public companies. It is also suggested that there should be minimum of regulation and control in cases of unquoted companies, irrespective of the fact whether they are registered as public or private companies.

(c) The Government has not found it feasible to accept the suggestions.

Vacancies of Judges and pending cases in Allahabad High Court

995. SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI :
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of vacancies of Judges in the Allahabad High Court and since when these posts are lying vacant ;

(b) what is the number of pending criminal and civil cases before the Allahabad High Court as on the 30th September, 1993 and during the last five years, yearwise ;

(c) what steps have been taken so far so fill up the vacancies of Judges and whether there is any proposal for the increase in the number of Judges ; and

(d) what measures Government propose to take to bring relief to the people of U. P. ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) As on 1-12-93, 8 vacancies of permanent Judges were vacant in the Allahabad High Court from the following dates :—

Pmt. Judges

2-7-92

15-7-92

13-11-92

9-1-93

13-3-93

7-10-93

13-10-93

1-11-93

In addition, 7 posts of Additional Judges have been approved and will be sanctioned at the time of appointment.

(b) The requisite information is given in the enclosed statement (*See* below).

(c) and (d) The process of consultation among the concerned constitutional authorities for filling up of vacancies of Judges in the Allahabad High Court is on. Some appointments are expected to be made very shortly. At present there is no proposal to increase the existing approved strength of the Allahabad High Court.

Statement

Name of the High Court—*ALLAHABAD HIGH COURT*

Year	Civil cases pending	Criminal cases pending	Total (Civil & Criminal) Pendency
31-12-1988 . . .	3,35,753	84,083	4,19,836
31-12-1989 . . .	3,79,064	89,178	4,68,242
31-12-1990 . . .	4,38,368	8,97,617	55,35,985
31-12-1991 . . .	4,89,392	1,05,462	5,94,860
31-12-1992 . . .	5,47,085	1,08,488	6,55,583
As on 30-06-1993 . .	5,84,597	1,11,283	6,95,880